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NATIONAL FARMERS' MARKET WEEK

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August 4-10, 2013, is National Farmers' Market Week. There is no better way to celebrate such an occasion than to visit one of Connecticut's 125 farmers' markets.

Farmers' markets are regular—usually weekly—community-based events that celebrate local food, farm products, and agriculture while supporting local jobs and the local economy. This time of year, most farmers are in peak production and markets offer the widest array of locally produced farm products. Whether one is looking for a quick one-stop shopping experience or a way to spend a few hours, there is a market to fit his or her needs. A complete listing of 2013 Connecticut farmers' markets is available at www.CTGrown.gov.

Over the past 10 years, coinciding with the nationwide trends, Connecticut has seen the number of farmers' markets nearly double. This year, Connecticut boasts 125 farmers markets in 100 communities. Driving much of the success behind these markets is the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). This supplemental nutrition program provides checks to eligible clients to purchase fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets. The program consists of three components designed for three specific population groups: women, infants, and children (WIC); seniors; and families.

WIC FMNP benefits are provided to eligible clients enrolled in the Connecticut Department of Public Health's state WIC program. This special supplemental nutrition program is for at-risk, low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5.

Twenty-five local WIC offices provide WIC FMNP checks, nutritional education, and other supplemental nutrition

programs to eligible clients. In 2013, DoAg provided 50,003 WIC clients with WIC FMNP benefits, which consisted of one FMNP check booklet of five \$3 checks per eligible client, for a total of \$15 per year.

The Senior FMNP provides benefits to individuals 60 years of age or older with a maximum household income of not more than 185 percent of the annual poverty income guidelines. (The 2013 Senior FMNP annual income limit for an individual is \$21,257.) The senior's income level must be verified through other assistance programs with similar means testing to verify eligibility; applicants with income levels not identified by means testing are not provided FMNP checks.

Senior FMNP benefits are distributed by municipal social services and elderly service coordinators. Due to limited funding, not all municipalities offer these benefits. In addition, the program is limited to municipalities with one or more participating FMNP authorized farmers' markets.

Senior FMNP benefit levels vary each year; in 2013, 32,000 eligible Senior FMNP participants will receive six \$3 checks for a total yearly benefit of \$18. Seniors interested in this program should contact their municipal social services office.

The Family FMNP is the newest component of the FMNP, created in 2012 when the Connecticut Housing and Finance Authority approached DoAg about partnering on a new supplemental nutrition program for their clients. Family FMNP participants live in CHFA housing and have children between the ages of 5 and 18. After a successful pilot in 2012, CHFA and DoAg are excited to offer this program again in 2013, and look forward to building off of the program's early success.

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Connecticut Grown produce is artistically displayed on a vendor's wagon at one of the state's 125 farmers' markets. Of those 125, 108 participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs.

**WHOLESALE CUT FLOWERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
ACONITUM,bnchd10,lng	15.00	15.00
AGERATUM,bnch,lng	7.50	7.50
DAHLIA,bnch,lng	12.50	12.50
FREESIA,bnchd10,lng	6.50	7.50
GARDENIA,blm	5.00	5.50
GERBERA,stm	.60	.80
HYDRANGEA,stm,lng	5.00	5.50
LILIES,Asiatic,10,lng	10.00	12.50
LILIES,Srbnn,3-5blms	18.00	18.50
LISIANTHUS,bnchd10	15.00	16.50
SEDUM, bnch,xlong	12.50	12.50
SNAPDRGN,bnchd10,shrt	5.50	5.50
SUNFLWR,bnchd5,lng	6.50	7.50
ZINNIA,bnch,lng	5.50	5.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

49-54	220-300 lbs	77.00-83.00
	300-400 lbs	72.00-77.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	72.00-75.00
	300-400 lbs	66.00-68.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	65.00-69.00
	500-700 lbs	67.00-70.00
Boars:	300-700lbs	28.00-31.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.
July 29 2013

Gr US 1-2	wt20-30	110.00	130.00
	wt30-40	100.00	140.00
	wt40-50	100.00	120.00
	wt60-70	70.00	70.00
	wt80-85	40.00	50.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, July 29, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	24.00
61-75 lbs.	35.00	37.50
76-90 lbs.	40.00	42.50
91-105 lbs.	45.00	50.00
106 lbs. & up	52.50	60.00
Farm Calves	65.00	70.00
Starter Calves	28.00	32.00
Veal Calves	65.00	130.00
Open Heifers	77.50	100.00
Beef Steers	n/a	n/a
Beef Heifers	81.00	90.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	95.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	120.00
Beef Bulls	90.00	106.00
Boars	1 at	10.00
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	45.00	175.00
Kid Goats	50.00	140.00
Canners	up to	83.50
Cutters	84.00	86.50
Utility Grade Cows	87.00	92.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	19.00
Chickens each	4.00	17.00
Ducks each	3.00	9.00
Feeder Pigs	17.00	37.50
Lambs	55.00	180.00
Sheep	25.00	50.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
BEAN SPROUT,5lb	14.00	14.00
BEET,12s	15.00	16.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt clmshll	22.00	24.00
BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,plp	27.00	30.00
BROCCOLI,20lb	13.00	14.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE,Svy,50lb	14.00	16.00
CHERRY,rd,20lb	50.00	50.00
CHIVE,1lb	8.00	8.00
COLLARD,12s	11.00	13.00
CORN,5dz	12.00	14.00
CUCUMBER,pckl,1/2,bu	15.00	16.00
CUCUMBER,spr slct,1-1/9bu	20.00	25.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	12.00	14.00
EGGPLANT,ltn,1-1/9bu	16.00	16.00
GREEN BEAN,1-1/9bu	25.00	35.00
KALE,12s	12.00	16.00
NECTARINE,22-24lb	30.00	30.00
PEACH,wht,25lb	25.00	25.00
PEACH,ylw,25lb	20.00	22.00
PEPPER,bl	16.00	18.00
PLUM,gldn,20lb	30.00	30.00
RUTABAGA,50lb	13.00	14.00
SQUASH,grn,fcy,1/2bu	18.00	24.00
SQUASH,ylw,fcy,1/2bu	20.00	22.00
SQUASH,ylwzch	22.00	26.00
SWISS CHARD,12s	16.00	18.00
TOMATO,chrny,12/1pt	15.00	15.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	15.00	15.00
TOMATO,hrm,gnhs,10lb	30.00	30.00
TOMATO,20lb	22.00	30.00
TURNIP,prpl tp,12s	14.00	14.00

CT FARMERS' MARKET PRICES

July 9-27, 2013

	Low	High
APPLE,Lodi,lb	1.29	1.29
BEAN,grn,lb	1.50	3.00
BEAN,wx, lb	2.00	3.00
BEET,bnchd	2.00	4.00
BLUEBERRY,pt	3.50	5.00
CABBAGE,grn,hd	2.00	3.00
CHERRY,Bng,pt	5.00	5.00
CUKE,ea	.50	1.00
CUKE,pcklng,lb	1.50	3.00
LETTUCE,rd lf,hd	1.50	3.00
LETTUCE,rmn,hd	1.50	3.00
NECTARINE,qt	5.00	5.00
PEA,English,qt	3.00	5.00
PEACH,lb	2.75	2.75
PEACH,qt	4.00	5.00
RASPBERRY,1/2pt	3.00	3.00
SQUASH,grn,lb	1.00	2.50
SQUASH,pty pn,lb	1.00	2.00
SQUASH,ylw,lb	1.00	2.50
STRAWBERRY,qt	6.00	6.00
TOMATO,ht hse,lb	3.50	3.99

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCT.
AND VA CATTLE SUMMARY**

July 29, 2013

	Bulk/	High/	Low	Dressing
SLAUGHTER COWS:				
breakers 75-80% lean			76.00	81.50
boners 80-85% lean			75.00	79.50
lean88-90% lean			70.00	74.05
CALVES graded bull				
No.1 110-128lbs			140.00	156.00
No 2 94-128lbs			150.00	179.00
No 3 100-130lbs			62.00	70.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr 1,950-1700lbs				
High dressing			98.00	103.00
Avg.dressing			93.00	97.00
Low dressing			85.00	92.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS				
HiCh/Prm3-4,			121.00	125.00
Ch2-3,			117.50	120.00
Sel 1-3,			103.50	112.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS				
HiCh/prm3-4			125.00	127.75
Ch2-3,			120.00	124.25
Sel2-3,			115.00	120.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS				
HiCh/prm3-4			109.05	110.50
Ch 2-3			106.50	108.50
Sel1-3			100.00	104.50
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3				
40-60lbs			139.00	167.00
60-80lbs			142.00	160.00
80-100lbs			142.00	160.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3: md flesh				
90-160lbs			56.00	68.00
160- 200lbs			54.00	68.00
Bucks 200-300lbs			68.00	68.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est. wt.				
30-40lbs			94.00	94.00
40-60lbs			107.00	142.00
60-80lbs			137.00	175.00
80-110lbs			162.00	185.00
Nannies/Does:80-130lbs			137.00	162.00
130-180lbs			150.00	177.00
Bucks/Billies: 150-250lbs			178.00	225.00

LANCASTER, PA, HAY AUCTION

July 15, 2013

	premium	good
ALFLFA	220.00-400.00	140.00-140.00
GRASS	N/A	130.00-350.00
MXD HAY	230.00-400.00	140.00-210.00
STRAW	90.00-205.00	N/A
TIMTHY	260.00-260.00	N/A

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons
(volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.09	1.12
LARGE	1.06	1.10
MEDIUM	.80	.82

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons
(delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.53	1.63
LARGE	1.45	1.55
MEDIUM	1.06	1.16

ADVERTISEMENTS

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FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheepbreeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

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96-R. 6ft, 3 pt hitch Ford harrow, 3 pt hitch cultivator, 3 pt hitch sweep cultivator, 3 pt hitch Buzz Saw, 3 pt hitch PTO Woods Finish 5 ft mower, 3 pt hitch PTO Caroni 5 ft mower, 3 pt hitch rear blade, other farm implements. Call 860-267-4341.

97. August 2-4, 9am-4pm. Farm Equipment, tractors, farm tools, lawn rollers, lumber, fencing, posts, chains, vises, more. Womens clothing size 8-12, household items. Generators, 6000, 7000, and 9000 watts. 37 Buck Road, Hebron. 860-228-9685

MISCELLANEOUS

6-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

93-R. Bulldozing in Eastern CT. Land clearing and ponds dug, also ponds cleaned. Large farm ponds dug and land cleared for farmers a specialty. Land clearing with root rake to save top soil. Will help with permits. Don Kemp 860-546-9500.

94-R. Foodshare has a year round supply of spoiled produce suitable for animal feed at no cost. For details contact Steve Slipchinsky at sslipchinsky@foodshare.org or 860-286-9999 x134.

WANTED

91-R. In season Milking Does or Breed with good milk quantity and quality. 860-707-9666.

92-R. Expanding goat dairy looking for goat's milk from licensed facility. 860-707-9666.

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The Family FMNP is different from the WIC and Senior programs because it provides a monthly benefit for July, August, and September, allowing the 1,806 families served to shop at Connecticut farmers' markets throughout the peak season. The concept of monthly FMNP benefits is new but has received rave reviews from participants.

Benefit rates vary from year to year; in 2013, eligible families are receiving \$36 dollars for each of the three months, for a total yearly benefit of \$108 per eligible family.

As a whole, the FMNP saw the highest redemption amount in 2012 since the program's inception. Certified farmers statewide redeemed over \$906,000 worth of FMNP benefits.

In order for a farmers' market to participate in the FMNP, the market must meet the requirements of a certified farmers' market as per Connecticut General Statutes [Section 22-6r](#), and must require any farmer selling a fruit, vegetable, or honey to be trained/certified by DoAg staff prior to acceptance into that market.

The training/certification consists of an initial on-farm meeting, during which DoAg staff reviews the rules of the program and explains how the program works. Certifications are good for three years. Currently, more than 250 certified farmers can accept FMNP benefits at 108 participating markets.

The FMNP is the prominent supplemental nutrition program administered through farmers' markets. Much its prominence and success can be attributed to the fact that the FMNP checks can only be used at participating farmers' markets.

Many FMNP benefits recipients also receive benefits from other supplemental nutrition programs, including the WIC Fruit and Vegetable Check Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (formally known as food stamps). These other program benefits may be redeemed by participating farmers at many Connecticut's farmers' markets as well. While redemption of these other program benefits at farmers' markets has increased, it is limited because these benefits also can be used at supermarkets and other retail establishments.

Outreach and education is being offered by local coordinating agencies, farmers' markets, and farmers to show recipients the advantages of shopping for and consuming locally produced farm products. With these efforts, DoAg and other administering state agencies are hopeful clients will increase their consumption of locally produced foods with the government benefits provided to them.

For a complete listing of Connecticut farmers' markets and the supplemental nutrition programs in which they participate, please visit www.CTGrown.gov.



IN MEMORIAM: DR. LOUIS MAGNARELLI

Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli, director of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, passed away July 11, 2013.

Dr. Magnarelli dedicated four decades of public service to the state's agricultural industry, joining CAES in 1975 and subsequently serving as chief entomologist, state entomologist, and vice director before his 2004 appointment to lead the station as its eighth director.

Dr. Magnarelli will be missed by everyone here at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, as well as countless others in Connecticut's extended family of agriculture. We extend our deepest sympathy and caring thoughts to his family, loved ones, and colleagues.

SBA OFFERS FREE EMAIL MARKETING CLASSES IN AUG

The Connecticut District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration is offering two free workshops this summer on email marketing. Both will be held at the University of Hartford's Entrepreneurial Center.

Getting Started with Email Marketing will be held Tuesday, August 6, 2013, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Constant Contact's email marketing tool makes it easy for you to stay in touch with the people who matter to your business and stay top-of-mind by providing meaningful content. In this demo you will learn how to easily build an email marketing campaign, branding it to your business, and publishing it to your social networks.

The Power of Email Marketing: Best Practices and Strategies for Success will follow on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Master email communications with this comprehensive look at best practices and winning strategies for getting and keeping quality subscribers, increasing deliverability and open rates, writing good

headlines and content, saving time, getting readers to take action, and more.

Register by phone by calling 860-768-5681 or online by visiting <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSBA/bulletins/83a868>.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS DUE AUG 1

Juan M. Garcia, administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Bryan Hurlburt, Connecticut's FSA state executive director, remind farmers and other agricultural producers that they have until August 1, 2013, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees.

"FSA is seeking candidates who have a desire to serve their fellow farmers as a County Committee member. We have a few openings across the state that we need to fill and I encourage people to nominate candidates, or themselves, if they want to participate. This is a great opportunity and I hope we can fill all of our County Committees this year," Hurlburt said.

FSA county committees help local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors.

To be eligible to hold office as a county committee member, individuals must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area where they are running.

A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>.

(from July 23, 2013, FSA media release)



Beltane Farm, Lebanon

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